Handicapped Category has been fulfilled in Delhi and other Union Territories;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor and by when Government propose to fulfil the reservation quota in respect of each category of Physically Handicapped persons in Delhi and other Union Territories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The requisite information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 39]

(b) and (c) Information is not available.

(d) The implementation of reservation for handicapped is a continuous process and it is not possible to indicate by which time the reservation quota will be fulfilled.

New Industrial relation policy

1429. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proopsal under Government's consideration to evolve a New Industrial Relations Policy; and

(b) if so, what major changes and modification are sought to be introduced in the present legal and administrative set up regulating the industrial relations; and what basic maladies in the system are sought to be resolved thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The question of formulating a new Industrial Relations Policy was discussed in the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held in April, 1990. In pursuance of its recommendations, a bipartite Committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam was set up to formulate specific proposals in this regard. The report is under examination in the Ministry of Labour in consultation with State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories. It has also been decided to place the report before the Indian Labour Conference at its next Session and seek its views before finalising the proposals.

Extension of ESI scheme

1430. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has made a proposal for extending the ESI coverage from Rs. 1600/- to Rs. 3000/-;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that majority of the workers prefer to opt out of the ESI Scheme due to the Poor implementation of the Scheme, shortage of Doctors, drugs, hospitals and dispensaries, corruption etc;

(d) whether Government would consider the proposal of the ESI in the light of the above facts; and

(e) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to give a choice to the workers of a particular company to opt for the ESI Scheme or not?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The E.S.I Corporation at its special meeting held on 8th October, 1991 approved a proposal for enhancement of the wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Scheme from Rs. 1600/- to Rs. 3000/- per month.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There have been sporadic complaints regarding shortage of medical and para-medical staff, paucity of drugs and medicine, non-functioning of medical equipment etc. These complaints as and when received, are brought to the notice of concerned authorities for appropriate action.

(e) No, Sir.